

# Turkey Run Nature Center Programs

**National Public Lands Day**  
Saturday, September 30  
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**\*Turkey Run Work Day**, one of hundreds happening across the country this morning to celebrate and care for our public lands.  
**\*9:30-10am Registration and Equipment** - Meet at the Nature Center to choose a project and get assignments and equipment.  
**\*10am-noon Let's Get To Work** – Leave for assigned work areas and experience the joy of giving something back to your park!  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-minute interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

**Sunday, October 1**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, and then watch to see who comes for breakfast in the observation room.  
**11am Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the 1841 Lusk mansion for a walk through time. Cellar doors open at 10:50am for this 50-minute guided tour.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**Monday, Thursday & Friday, Oct. 2 & 5-6**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**Nature Video Days**–Request a movie from our extensive list and we'll show it for you on the big screen.  
**Wildlife Observation Window** - Open all day

**Tuesday & Wednesday, October 3-4**  
Nature Center Closed  
**Saturday, October 7**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing. Nat Cent.  
**11am Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the 1841 Lusk mansion for a walk through time. Cellar doors open at 10:50am for this 50-minute guided tour.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**Sunday, October 8**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing. Nat Cent.  
**\*11am Fossil Hike** – Meet in front of the Nature Center for this 1-hour moderately rugged hike.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 9-11  
Nature Center Closed

Thursday & Friday, October 12-13  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Bird** –See previous listing. Nature Cent.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show**- See previous listing.

**Saturday, October 14**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am-3pm Seeing Nature Through New Eyes** – Join special guest Jean Jamsa for an all-day workshop. Discover the artist within and the joys and benefits of Nature Journaling, all while experiencing nature in a whole new way. \$20/person includes lunch and all materials. Pre-registration recommended at 765-597-2654. The workshop takes place downstairs in the Wagon Wheel Room at the Turkey Run Inn.  
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**Sunday, October 15**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** –See previous listing. Nature Cent  
**\*11am Make A Track** – Gather in front of the Nature Center to make an animal track and learn about tracking wildlife. 1-hour activity and hike.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show**- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

**Monday, Thursday & Friday, Oct. 16 & 19-20**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** –See previous listing. Nature Cent  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show**- See previous listing.

**Tuesday & Wednesday, October 17-18**  
Nature Center Closed

**Saturday, October 21**  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
**10am Feed The Birds** –See previous listing. Nature Cent  
**11am Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the 1841 Lusk mansion for a walk through time. Cellar doors open at 10:50am for this 50-minute guided tour.  
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**Park Patch Program**  
**Come to the Nature Center to find out how to earn these free patches!**  
**SMOKEY'S FRIEND      JUNIOR NATURALIST**  
**HOOSIER ECOLOGIST**

**\*Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Sunday, October 22  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**10am Feed The Birds** – Hurry to the Nature Center to help lay out a banquet for live birds & squirrels, then relax in our observation room to see who comes to eat.

**\*10:30am Leaf Memory Book** – Meet at the Nature Center to put together a beautiful memento of autumn that will help you remember which tree is which. 1 hour activity.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Monday & Thursday, October 23 & 26  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**10am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. Must be seated by 2pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 24-25  
Nature Center Closed

**Halloween Camping Week-end**

Friday, October 27  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**10am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing.

**\*9pm Monster Egg Hunt** – Hunt for eggs by flashlight, but don’t be late, ‘cause they go fast! Lots of prizes, both big and small!! Olympic Pool Lawn

Saturday, October 28  
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**10am Treat The Birds** – No tricks allowed during this 30-minute activity at the Nature Center. Make bird feeders & treats and help lay out a banquet for the birds and squirrels.

**11am Of Owls & Snakes** – See how these natural enemies cope and discover how they talk during a 45-minute “hoot” of a program (you can touch the snake!) Nature Center.

**1pm Stars of Halloween** – Meet the creatures of lore during a 40-minute program at the Nature Center. Seating is limited, so reserve a seat early.

**\*1-2pm Sack Races** – Olympic Pool Lawn

**2-4pm Ghastly Goop & Such** – Pumpkin carving, face painting & more! Olympic Pool Lawn

**3:30-4pm Pet Costume Contest**–Olympic Pool Lawn

**5pm Costume Parade and Contest** – Campground parking lot

**\*6-7:30pm Campers’ Trick-Or-Treat**– Campground

**6-7:30pm Judging for Scary Campsite Decorating Contest** – Winners announced at 8pm at Camp Store.

Sunday, October 29  
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**10am Feed The Birds** – Repeat of Friday program.

**11am Scary Noises Of The Night** – Discover what’s making all those scary sounds outside at night – you may be surprised at some! Meet some wild animals during this 40-minute program at the Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Repeat of Friday program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

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**Find These Programs On-line at**  
[www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/)

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